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- 1) Pitner, U.S. Patent No. 3,660,989, issued May 9, 1972;
- 2) Japanese Patent Publication No. 53-22673 B (1978);
- 3) McElwain, U.S. Patent No. 4,067,626, issued January 10, 1978;

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- 4) Microfilm copy of JP Utility Model S57-53965 A (1982);
- 5) Linnemeier, U.S. Patent No. 4,854,738, issued August 8, 1989;
- 6) Microfilm copy of JP Utility Model H3-84424 A (1991);
- 7) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. (A) 08-074878 (TOYOTA MOTOR CORP), published March 19, 1996, with a copy of an English-language abstract thereof;
- 8) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. (A) 2000-202721 (NSK LTD), published July 25, 2000, with a copy of an English-language abstract thereof;
- 9) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. (A) 2001-193753 (KOYO SEIKO CO LTD), published July 17, 2001, with a copy of an English-language abstract thereof; and
- 10) Japanese Published Unexamined Application No. (A) 2002-227872 (UNISIA JECS CORP) published August 14, 2002.

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